

Other Accomplishments



Log Jam Removal

During the December 3, 2007 storm there was an 800' x 200' log jam that caused the Willapa River to change course and threaten local residents. The PCD was able to acquire the permits and partnered with NRCS and Pacific County to remove the log jam. The river was placed back into its original channel.

The PCD also provided assistance to over 100 producers with storm damage issues. The District held two workshops for forestry producers after 147 mph winds devastated local tree farms.

The PCD also completed two salmon restoration projects.

2008 Feature Accomplishment

Naselle Knotweed Control

Resource Challenge

Japanese knotweed is a class A noxious weed that chokes out native riparian vegetation during the early spring through fall. At the end of fall each year the plant goes dormant and breaks down after the first freeze, leaving bare banks/soils which are highly susceptible to erosion during winter freshets. The knotweed displaces all native riparian vegetation.

Project Summary and Results

Pacific Conservation District (PCD) contacted all landowners adjacent to waterways within the Naselle Watershed and discussed knotweed issues. The District received landowner permission to eradicate Japanese knotweed. After completion, the PCD provided landowners with educational literature and contact information for what to do if the knotweed reappeared. The final goal is to eradicate 700 acres of knotweed in the Naselle Watershed which covers over 40 miles of river.

This past season, the PCD controlled 200 acres of Japanese Knotweed across eight and a half miles of the Naselle River and Salmon Creek. Education has been a major accomplishment throughout this project. Field Staff and project management have also provided information on the CREP program for potential implementation after the knotweed has been eradicated. This is the first year of a projected four-year project.

Key Project Partners

This project was funded through the Salmon Recovery Funding Board and the Washington State Department of Agriculture. This will be an ongoing project over the next four years. Other local partners include Pacific County Weed Management and all the local landowners that range from State government to residential owners. The Naselle has the highest infestation of knotweed within Pacific County, and the PCD could not accomplish such a project without the assistance of its partners.



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More Work To Do

- Provide storm damage assistance to 32 local producers.
- Install two bridges and two culverts that will open 12 miles of salmon habitat.
- Complete two LWD projects to improve salmon habitat.
- Design ten freshwater culvert sites and ten estuarine culvert sites for future implementation.
- Continue knotweed eradication in the Naselle Watershed.